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# *Town Officers*

| | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| *Moderator* | |
| REV. E. M. FULLER | 1948 |
| *Town Clerk* | |
| EDWARD B. FULLER | 1947 |
| *Treasurer* | |
| AMY J. BLODGETT | 1947 |
| *Selectmen* | |
| HAROLD W. RAMSAY | 1947 |
| BERNARD C. NUGENT | 1948 |
| BERT STINSON | 1949 |
| *Tax Collector* | |
| HAZEN KENNEDY | 1947 |
| *Health Officer* | |
| ROGER HUNT | 1947 |
| *Library Trustees* | |
| CARRIE GARDNER | 1947 |
| ETHEL JOHNSON | 1948 |
| FLORENCE DALEY | 1949 |
| *Town Road Commissioner* | |
| BERT STINSON | 1947 |
| *Supervisors of Check List* | |
| JOHN TAYLOR | 1948 |
| WALTER NILES | 1948 |
| HAROLD B. HAPGOOD | 1948 |
| *Trust Fund Trustees* | |
| DOROTHY HAPGOOD | 1947 |
| PAULINE HUNT | 1948 |
| DELIA B. HAPGOOD | 1949 |

*Water Rent Collector*
FRANK A. SMITH 1947
*Cemetery Trustees*
WILLIAM FULLER 1947
LESLIE E. BARNETT 1948
HUGH H. JOHNSON 1949
*Public Health Nurse*
DELIA B. HAPGOOD 1947
*Municipal Court Judge*
WILLARD A. RUCH 1947
*Auditors*
STATE TAX COMMISSION, Division of Municipal Accounting

# *Town Warrant*

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford, County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in the village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, 1947 at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of municipal accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such an audit.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will continue the services of the public health nurse and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for highways, bridges, and town maintenance.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of monies the town will vote to raise for the following: Libraries, Memorial Day, Skating Rinks, Sewers, Street Lighting, Cemeteries, Retirement of Bonds, Long Term Notes, Interest, Insurance, Personal Bonds and any other monies for the town.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to pledge the credit of the town to raise funds in anticipation of taxes, when necessary for the payment of obligations.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the town through tax collector's deeds or any other property owned by the town.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on any part of the taxes paid before a certain date.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $87.72 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per $1000 of assessed valuation (1|100th of 1 per cent) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and othewise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise $500.00 to widen the turn at the intersection of the Bog Brook road, and the road going into Stratford Hollow.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money to Tarvia the road in East Stratford, from the Harry Brown place to the junction of road above Elwin Hapgood's farm.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise $400.00 to erect fire escapes on the town hall.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to construct a new roof on the Municipal Court Building.

ARTICLE 16. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1947.

HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
BERNARD C. NUGENT,
BERT STINSON,
*Selectmen of Stratford.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
BERNARD C. NUGENT,
BERT STINSON,
*Selectmen of Stratford.*

# *Budget for 1947*

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

*Sources of Revenue*

| | Actual 1946 | Est. 1947 |
|---|---|---|
| *From State:* | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | $ 49.30 | $ 49.30 |
| Railroad Tax | 1040.73 | 1040.73 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 176.67 | 176.67 |
| *From Local Sources Except Taxes:* | | |
| Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court | 277.00 | 50.00 |
| Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings | 960.93 | 600.00 |
| Income from Municipally owned Utilities: | | |
| Water Departments | 2857.41 | 2857.41 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 826.77 | 500.00 |
| Cash Surplus* | | 6723.88 |
| *From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:* | | |
| Poll Taxes, Regular at $2 | 486.00 | 450.00 |
| Total Revenue from All Sources except Property Taxes | $6674.81 | $12447.99 |
| Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes | | 40128.12 |
| Total Revenues | | $52576.11 |

*Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities, i. e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstand- Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

*Total Expenditures*

| | Actual 1946 | Est. 1947 |
|---|---|---|
| *Current Maintenance Expenses*: | | |
| *General Government*: | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 1125.92 | $ 1500.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 1028.57 | 1200.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 124.00 | 68.00 |
| Municipal Court Expenses | 113.04 | 115.00 |
| Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs. | 1574.07 | 1500.00 |
| *Protection of Persons and Property*: | | |
| Police Department | 100.89 | 100.00 |
| Fire Department | 1001.94 | 300.00 |
| *Health*: | | |
| Health Department, including hospitals | 2323.79 | 2300.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 18.75 | 12.50 |
| Sewer Maintenance | 747.79 | 250.00 |
| *Highways and Bridges*: | | |
| Town Maintenance: Summer | 2960.67 | 1000.00 |
| Town Maintenance: Winter | 1178.46 | 1000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 1020.00 | 1020.00 |
| General Expenses of Highway Department | 1.50 | 10.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 162.05 | 162.05 |
| *Libraries*: | | |
| Libraries | 1000.00 | 500.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Public Welfare*: | | |
| Town Poor | 1299.80 | 1200.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 282.58 | 300.00 |
| *Patriotic Purposes*: | | |
| Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations | 37.49 | 100.00 |
| Aid to Soldiers and their families | | 200.00 |
| *Recreation*: | | |
| Parks and Playgrounds, incl. band concerts | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| *Public Services Enterprises*: | | |
| Municipally owned Water and Electric Utilities | 606.09 | 400.00 |
| Cemeteries | 97.69 | 100.00 |
| *Unclassified*: | | |
| Damages and Legal Expenses | 155.66 | 75.00 |
| Advertising and Regional Associations | 71.10 | |
| *Interest*: | | |
| On Bonded Debt | 1925.00 | 1700.00 |
| On Long Term Notes | 467.50 | 440.00 |
| *Indebtedness*: | | |
| *Payment on Principal of Debt*: | | |
| Bonds | 4000.00 | 4000.00 |
| Long Term Notes | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions*: | | |
| County Taxes | 4215.85 | 4215.85 |
| Payments to School Districts | 22100.00 | 27796.71 |
| Total Expenditures | $50751.20 | $52576.11 |

# *Selectmen's Report*

*Inventory of the Town of Stratford*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber) | | $529,349.00 |
| Growing Wood and Timber | | 101,046.00 |
| Electric Plants | | 58,618.00 |
| Horses, 89 | | 10,400.00 |
| Cows, 345 | | 42,640.00 |
| Other Neat Stock, 45 | | 4,450.00 |
| Sheep and Goats, 11 | | 115.00 |
| Hogs, 13 | | 335.00 |
| Fowls | | 700.00 |
| Vehicles, 3 | | 4,000.00 |
| Road Machinery | | 50,000.00 |
| Wood, Lumber, etc. | | 44,750.00 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks | | 4,600.00 |
| Stock in Trade | | 25,002.00 |
| Mills and Machinery | | 1,200.00 |
| Total Valuation | | $877,205.00 |
| Poll Taxes, 350 at $2.00 | $700.00 | |
| Total Amount of Taxes to be Committed to Collector including Town and Precinct Taxes, Poll Taxes and National Bank Stock Taxes | | $38,419.81 |
| Average rate of taxation per $100 valuation for all purposes | | $4.30 |
| Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers | | $11,000.00 |
| Amount of property valuation exempted to blind | | $500.00 |

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

BERNARD C. NUGENT,
HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
BERT STINSON,

*Selectmen of Stratford.*

# *Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed*

For The Tax Year 1946

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 912.25 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 950.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 100.00 |
| Municipal Court Expenses | 100.00 |
| Town Hall and Buildings | 1,400.00 |
| Police Department | 700.00 |
| Fire Department | 300.00 |
| Health Department | 2,250.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 12.50 |
| Town Road Aid | 162.05 |
| Town Maintenance | 1,798.21 |
| Street Lighting | 1,020.00 |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept. | 11.00 |
| Sewer Maintenance | 250.00 |
| Libraries | 1,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 300.00 |
| Town Poor | 1,200.00 |
| Memorial Day | 100.00 |
| Parks and Playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts | 50.00 |
| Water and Electric Utilities | 200.00 |
| Cemeteries | 100.00 |
| Damages and Legal Expense | 50.00 |
| Advertising and Regional Associations | 71.10 |
| Interest | 2367.50 |
| Payments on Principal of Debt | 5000.00 |
| County Tax | 4215.85 |

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|---|---|---|
| School Tax | | 21863.30 |
| Total Town and School Appropriations | | $46,483.76 |
| Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits: | | |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | $ 49.49 | |
| Railroad Tax | 1038.34 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 146.79 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 534.47 | |
| Fines and Forfeits—Municipal Court | 48.53 | |
| Rent of Town Property | 341.57 | |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 274.35 | |
| Water and Electric Departments | 2847.13 | |
| Cash Surplus | 3271.59 | |
| Total Revenues and Credits | | 8,552.26 |
| | | $37,931.50 |
| Plus Overlay | | 488.31 |
| Net Amount to be raised by Taxation | | $38,419.81 |
| Less: Poll Taxes at $2.00 | | 700.00 |
| Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured | | $37,719.81 |
| Taxes to be Committed to Collector: | | |
| Property Taxes | $37,719.81 | |
| Poll Taxes | 700.00 | |
| Total Taxes to be Committed | $38,419.81 | |
| Tax Rate, Town | $4.30 | |

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HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
BERT STINSON,
*Seletmen of Stratford.*

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - Town of Stratford, N. H.
## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1946

| Title of Appropriations | Appropriations | Receipts and Reimbursements | Available | Expenditures | Unexpended Balance | Overdraft |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 912.25 | | $ 912.25 | $ 1125.92 | | $ 213.67 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 950.00 | | 950.00 | 1028.57 | | 78.57 |
| Election and Registration | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 124.00 | | 24.00 |
| Municipal Court Expenses | 100.00 | 277.00 | 377.00 | 113.04 | 263.96 | |
| Town Hall and Other Bldgs. | 1400.00 | 960.23 | 2360.23 | 1574.07 | 786.16 | |
| Police Department | 700.00 | | 700.00 | 100.89 | 599.11 | |
| Fire Department | 300.00 | 1095.21 | 1395.21 | 1001.94 | 393.27 | |
| Health Department | 2250.00 | 1266.00 | 3516.00 | 2323.79 | 1192.21 | |
| Vital Statistics | 12.50 | | 12.50 | 18.75 | | 6.25 |
| Town Road Aid | 162.05 | | 162.05 | 162.05 | | |
| Town Maintenance | 1798.21 | 71.72 | 1869.93 | 4139.13 | | 2269.20 |
| Street Lighting | 1020.00 | | 1020.00 | 1020.00 | | |
| Gen. Exp. Highway Dept. | 11.00 | | 11.00 | 1.50 | 9.50 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sewer Maintenance | 250.00 | 10.85 | 260.85 | 747.79 | | 486.94 |
| Libraries | 1000.00 | | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | | |
| Old Age Assistance | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 282.58 | 17.42 | |
| Town Poor | 1200.00 | 210.70 | 1410.70 | 1299.80 | 110.90 | |
| Memorial Day | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 37.49 | 62.51 | |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 11.00 | 39.00 | |
| Water Department | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 606.09 | | 406.09 |
| Cemeteries | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 97.69 | 2.31 | |
| Damages and Legal Expenses | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 155.66 | | 105.66 |
| Regional Support | 71.10 | | 71.10 | 71.10 | | |
| Interest | 2367.50 | | 2367.50 | 2392.50 | | 25.00 |
| Payments on Prin. of Debt | 5000.00 | | 5000.00 | 5000.00 | | |
| County Tax | 4215.85 | | 4215.85 | 4215.85 | | |
| School Tax | 21863.30 | | 21863.30 | 22100.00 | | 236.70 |
| Totals | $46483.76 | $3891.71 | $50375.47 | $50751.20 | $3476.35 | $3852.08 |
| | | | | | | 3476.35 |
| *Net Overdraft of Appropriations* | | | | | | $ 375.73 |

# *Balance*

*Assets*

| | |
|---|---|
| *Cash*: | |
| In hands of treasurer | $ 6,723.88 |
| In hands of officials (a) | 65.18 |
| *Accounts Due to the Town*: | |
| Due from State | |
| One-half expense on Bridge repairs | 92.25 |
| Bounties 1946 | 90.00 |
| Town of Maidstone, Vt.—1-3 Bridge repairs S. H. | 643.25 |
| Town of Bloomfield. Vt.—1-3 of Bridge repairs | 84.92 |
| Graydon Williams—Balance due on Hospital Bill | 39.00 |
| *Unredeemed Taxes*: | |
| Levy of 1946 | 1,294.07 |
| Levy of 1945 | 1,345.89 |
| Levy of 1944 | 1,242.81 |
| Previous Years | 1,396.47 |
| *Uncollected Taxes*: | |
| Levy of 1946 | 12,066.10 |
| Total Assets | $25,083.82 |
| Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt) | 35,279.48 |
| *Grand Total* | $60,363.30 |

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|---|---|---|
| Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1945 | $36,013.03 | |
| Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1946 | 35,279.48 | |
| Decrease of Debt, Surplus | | $ 733.55 |

## *Sheet*

| | |
|---|---|
| *Liabilities* | |
| *Accounts Owed by the Town:* | |
| Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation | $ 9,363.30 |
| *Long Term Notes Outstanding:* | |
| Water Notes, Issue of 1938, 2 3-4 pc. | 16,000.00 |
| *Bonds Outstanding:* | |
| Water Bonds, Issue of 1920, 5 pc. | 18,000.00 |
| Water Bonds, Issue of 1921, 5 pc. | 17,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | $60,363.30 |
| *Grand Total* | $60,363.30 |

# *Receipts and*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | *Receipts* | |
| *Current Revenue*: | | |
| *From Local Taxes*: | | |
| Property taxes, current year | $25,567.20 | |
| Poll taxes, current year, regular at $2 | 486.00 | |
| Total of Current Year's taxes collected and remitted | | $26,053.20 |
| Property taxes, Previous Years | | 5,916.13 |
| Poll taxes, Previous Years, Regular at $2 | | 284.00 |
| Poll taxes, Previous Years, Special at $3 | | 432.00 |
| Interest received on taxes | | 109.64 |
| Tax sales redeemed | | 5.47 |
| *From State*: | | |
| Interest and dividend tax | | 49.30 |
| Railroad tax | | 1,040.73 |
| Savings bank tax | | 173.67 |
| Bounties | | 394.00 |
| *From County*: | | |
| For support of poor | | 8.00 |
| *From Local Sources, Except Taxes*: | | |
| Dog licenses | | 62.25 |
| Fines and forfeits, municipal court | | 277.00 |
| Rent of town property | | 960.93 |
| Income from departments | | 4,774.10 |
| Registration of motor vehicles, 1946 Permits | | 826.77 |
| Total Current Revenue Receipts (Carried forward) | | $41,370.19 |

# Payments

| *Payments* | |
|---|---|
| *Current Maintenance Expenses:* | |
| *General Government:* | |
| Town officers' salaries | $ 1,125.92 |
| Town officers' expenses | 1,028.57 |
| Election and registration expenses | 124.00 |
| Municipal court expenses | 113.04 |
| Expenses town hall and other town buildings | 1,574.07 |
| *Protection of Persons and Property:* | |
| Police department, incl. care of tramps | 100.89 |
| Fire department, including forest fires | 1,001.94 |
| Bounties | 90.00 |
| Damage by dogs | 8.86 |
| *Health:* | |
| Health department, including hospitals | 2,323.79 |
| Vital statistics | 18.75 |
| Sewer maintenance | 747.79 |
| *Highways and Bridges:* | |
| Town Road Aid | 162.05 |
| Town Maintenance: (Summer $2960.67, Winter $1178.46) | 4,139.13 |
| Street lighting and sprinkling | 1,020.00 |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept. | 1.50 |
| *Libraries:* | |
| Libraries | 1,000.00 |
| *Public Welfare:* | |
| Old age assistance | 282.58 |
| Town poor | 1,299.80 |
| County poor | 8.00 |
| *Patriotic Purposes:* | |
| Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations | 37.49 |

## *Receipts and*

| | |
|---|---|
| Total receipts brought forward | $41,370.19 |
| *Receipts Other than Current Revenue*: | |
| Refunds | 400.76 |
| Total Receipts other than Current Rev. | $41,770.95 |
| | $41,770.95 |
| Total Receipts From All Sources | 17,517.64 |

## *Payments (continued)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Recreation*: | | |
| Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts | | 11.00 |
| *Public Service Enterprises*: | | |
| Appropriations to water utilities | | 606.09 |
| Cemeteries, including hearse hire | | 97.69 |
| *Unclassified*: | | |
| Withholding Tax taken out in 1945 | | 44.40 |
| Damages and legal expenses | | 155.66 |
| Advertising and Regional Associations | | 71.10 |
| Taxes bought by town (costs) | | 50.46 |
| Discounts, Abatements and Refunds | | 1,104.79 |
| *Total Current Maintenance Expenses* | | $18,349.36 |
| Total payments brought forward | | $18,349.36 |
| *Interest*: | | |
| Paid on long term notes | $ 467.50 | |
| Paid on bonded debt | 1,925.00 | |
| Total Interest Payments | | 2,392.50 |
| *Indebtedness*: | | |
| Payments on long term notes | 1,000.00 | |
| Payments on bonded debt | 4,000.00 | |
| Total Indebtedness Payments | | 5,000.00 |
| *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions*: | | |
| Special Poll Taxes at $3 paid to State | $ 507.00 | |
| Taxes paid to County | 4,215.85 | |

## *Receipts and*

| | |
|---|---|
| *Grand Total* | $59,288.59 |

## *Payments* [*continued*]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to School Districts | 22,100.00 | |
| Total Paym'ts to Other Gov. Div. | | 26,822.85 |
| Total Payments for all Purposes | | $52,564.71 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1946 | | 6,723.88 |
| *Grand Total* | | $59,288.59 |

## EXHIBIT F Town of Stratford Schedule of Interest on Bonds and Long Term Notes

| Fiscal Year | Water Bonds, Issue of 1920 | | | Water Bonds, Issue of 1921 | | Water Notes | | | | Total Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Prin. Due Nov. 1 | Int. Due May 1 | Int. Due Nov. 1 | Prin. Due May 1 | Int. Due May 1 | Int. Due Nov. 1 | Prin. Due Oct. 15 | Int. Due Apr. 15 | Int. Due Oct. 15 | Principal and Interest |
| 1946 | $2000 | $500 | $500 | $2000 | $475 | $425 | $1000 | $233.75 | $233.75 | $7367.50 |
| 1947 | 2000 | 450 | 450 | 2000 | 425 | 375 | 1000 | 220.00 | 220.00 | 7140.00 |
| 1948 | 2000 | 400 | 400 | 2000 | 375 | 325 | 1000 | 206.25 | 206.25 | 6912.50 |
| 1949 | 2000 | 350 | 350 | 2000 | 325 | 275 | 1000 | 192.50 | 192.50 | 6685.00 |
| 1950 | 2000 | 300 | 300 | 2000 | 275 | 225 | 1000 | 178.75 | 178.75 | 6457.50 |
| 1951 | 2000 | 250 | 250 | 2000 | 225 | 175 | 1000 | 165.00 | 165.00 | 6230.00 |
| 1952 | 2000 | 200 | 200 | 2000 | 175 | 125 | 1000 | 151.25 | 151.25 | 6002.50 |
| 1953 | 2000 | 150 | 150 | 2000 | 125 | 75 | 1000 | 137.50 | 137.50 | 5775.00 |
| 1954 | 2000 | 100 | 100 | 3000 | 75 | | 1000 | 123.75 | 123.75 | 6522.50 |
| 1955 | 2000 | 50 | 50 | | | | 1000 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 3320.00 |
| 1956 | | | | | | | 1000 | 96.25 | 96.25 | 1192.50 |
| 1957 | | | | | | | 1000 | 82.50 | 82.50 | 1165.00 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1958 | | | 1000 | 68.75 | 68.75 | 1137.50 |
| 1959 | | | 1000 | 55.00 | 55.00 | 1110.00 |
| 1960 | | | 1000 | 41.25 | 41.25 | 1082.50 |
| 1961 | | | 1000 | 27.50 | 27.50 | 1055.00 |
| 1962 | | | 1000 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 1027.50 |
| Total | $20000 | $19000 | $17000 | | | |

# *Schedule of Town Property*

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Hall, Lands and Buildings | $ 12,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 2,000.00 |
| Libraries, Lands and Buildings | 2,500.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 2,000.00 |
| Police Department, Lands and Buildings | 2,000.00 |
| Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Fire Department, Lands and Buildings | 2,500.00 |
| Equipment | 2,500.00 |
| Highway Department, Land and Buildings | 500.00 |
| Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Materials and Supplies | 100.00 |
| Parks, Commons and Playgrounds | 2,000.00 |
| Water Supply, if owned by Town | 115,000.00 |
| Schools, Lands and Buildings | 84,800.00 |
| Equipment | 11,000.00 |
| Town House and equipment at Center | 2,000.00 |
| Town Histories | 500.00 |
| *Total* | $243,400.00 |

# *Town Clerk's Report*

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|---|---|
| Number of Marriages in Town | 15 |
| Number of Births in Town | 4 |
| Number of Deaths in Town | 5 |
| 19 Permits from Jan. 1 to Apr. 1 | |
| 285 Permits from Apr. 1 to Dec. 31 | |
| Amount paid to Treasurer | $826.77 |
| 24 Dogs at $2 $48 | |
| 1 Dog at $5 $ 5 | |
| Less fees $5.00 | |
| Amount paid to Treasurer | $48.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. FULLER,
*Town Clerk.*

# *Tax Collector's Report*

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1945

Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Taxes committed to collector:* | | |
| Property Taxes | $37,633.30 | |
| Poll Taxes | 828.00 | |
| | | $38,461.30 |
| Interest Collected | | 4.29 |
| | | $38,465.59 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Remittances to treasurer:* | | |
| Property Taxes | $25,567.20 | |
| Poll Taxes | 486.00 | |
| Interest | 4.29 | |
| Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List | | |
| Property Taxes | 12,066.10 | |
| Poll Taxes | 342.00 | |
| *Total Credits* | | $38,465.59 |

C. HAZEN KENNEDY,
*Tax Collector.*

# *Treasurer's Report*

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1946 | $17,517.64 |
| Received from Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector: | |
| 1946 Property Taxes | 25,567.20 |
| 1946 Interest | 4.29 |
| 1946 Poll Taxes | 486.00 |
| 1945 Property Taxes | 5,603.66 |
| 1945 Interest | 81.49 |
| 1945 Regular Poll Taxes | 282.00 |
| 1945 Special Poll Taxes | 429.00 |
| 1944 Property Taxes | 312.47 |
| 1944 Interest | 4.33 |
| 1944 Regular Poll Taxes | 2.00 |
| 1944 Special Poll Taxes | 3.00 |
| 1936 Redeemed Tax | 5.47 |
| 1936 Interest | 19.53 |
| *From State*: | |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | 49.30 |
| Railroad Tax | 1,040.73 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 176.67 |
| Bounties, 1945, 2 bears, 142 hedgehogs | 81.00 |
| Bounties, 1939-41-42-43-44: | |
| 20 bears, 594 hedgehogs | 313.00 |
| From County: | |
| Relief reimbursement | 8.00 |
| From Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk: | |
| Dog Licenses | 62.25 |
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 826.77 |
| Filing Fees | 4.00 |
| From Willard A. Ruch, Municipal Court Justice: | |
| Fines and costs | 277.00 |
| From Real Lacasse, Town Hall Agent: | |
| Rent of Town Hall | 364.00 |

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|---|---|
| From Knights of Pythias: | |
| Rent of Lodge Rooms, Oct. 1, 1944 to Oct. 1, 1945 | 250.00 |
| Rent of Lodge Rooms, Oct. 1, 1945 to Oct. 1, 1946 | 250.00 |
| From Charles Sedgell: | |
| Rent of Cora Graham House | 96.93 |
| From Frank A. Smith, Water Rent Collector: | |
| Water Rents | 3,489.85 |
| From Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse: | |
| Nursing Association Fees Collected | 766.00 |
| From School District Treasurer: | |
| Health Supervision, 1945-1946 | 500.00 |
| One-half repair bill on stage in town hall | 24.19 |
| From Town Histories: | |
| Town Histories sold | 14.25 |
| From Town of Bloomfield, Vt.: | |
| One-third of expense on repairs on Conn. River Bridge | 71.72 |
| From Johnson-Barker-Webb Corp.: | |
| Refund on invoice | 7.55 |
| From Buildings sold: | |
| Karl D. Edwards, Observation Post Bldg. | 38.00 |
| Ray D. Fuller, Band Stand | 24.00 |
| From Rev. E. M. Fuller, Admr.: | |
| Frank Flanders Burial Account | 100.00 |
| From Graydon Williams: | |
| On Hospital Bill for baby | 30.00 |
| From Heamon Nason: | |
| Mary Hitchcock Hospital Bill in full | 80.70 |
| From Gil Wyner Construction Company: | |
| Trucking tile pipe from Berlin | 10.85 |

| | |
|---|---|
| From H. W. Ramsay: | |
| Refund on account | 13.75 |
| *Total Receipts* | $59,288.59 |
| Selectmen's Orders Paid | 52,564.71 |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1946 | $ 6,723.88 |

AMY J. BLODGETT,
*Treasurer.*

*Summary of*

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AND PROOF OF TREASURER'S BALANCE

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1946

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, December 31, 1945 | $17,517.64 | |
| Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1946 | 41,770.95 | |
| | | $59,288.59 |
| Expenditures, January 1 to December 31, 1946 | | 52,564.71 |
| Cash Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1946 | | $ 6,723.88 |

*Proof of Treasurer's Balance*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance as per Farmers & Traders Nat'l Bk. Statement of December 31, 1946 | $4,424.70 | |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | 2,687.19 | |
| | $1,737.51 | |
| Deposited after December 31, 1946 | 4,986.37 | |
| Reconciled Bank Balance—December 31, 1946 | | $ 6,723.88 |

AMY J. BLODGETT,
*Treasurer.*

# *Detailed Statement of Payments*

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### *Town Officers' Salaries*

| | |
|---|---|
| Bernard C. Nugent, Selectman | $ 150.00 |
| Bert Stinson, Selectman | 150.00 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Selectman | 150.00 |
| Amy J. Blodgett, Treasurer | 75.00 |
| Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector | 225.00 |
| Amy J. Blodgett, Clerk, Selectmen's Office | 199.92 |
| Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk | 100.00 |
| Edward B. Fuller, Issuing Motor Vehicle Permits | 76.00 |
| | $1125.92 |

### *Town Officers' Expenses*

| | |
|---|---|
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone Service and tolls | $ 47.89 |
| Coos County Register of Deeds, recording | 21.48 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies | 27.93 |
| State Tax Commission, Div. of Accounting and Auditing, 1945 | 116.35 |
| State Tax Commission, Div. of Accounting and Auditing, 1946 | 171.16 |
| Amy J. Blodgett, 2 trips to Lancaster, office supplies, postage and attending Tax Meeting | 23.00 |
| U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, Bulletins | 4.50 |
| Royal Typewriter Company, typewriter | 97.81 |

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|---|---|
| Pauline Hunt, Trustee of Trust Funds Expense | 11.00 |
| Coos County Democrat, Printing Town Reports | 216.25 |
| Coos County Democrat, Printing Statements and Tax Bills | 10.45 |
| H. H. Hinman, postage, Registration Fees and Box Rent | 11.80 |
| Leo Normando, trip to Lancaster | 7.00 |
| Bernard C. Nugent, Attending Tax Meeting | 7.00 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Attending Tax Meeting and dinners | 11.85 |
| George M. Stevens & Son Co., Bonds for Town Officers | 100.00 |
| Association of New Hampshire Assessors, dues 1945-46 | 4.00 |
| Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Adding Machine | 129.60 |
| Sentinel Publishing Company, Printing Tax Bills | 7.50 |
| Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerks' Association dues | 2.00 |
| | $1028.57 |

*Election and Registration*

| | |
|---|---|
| Ralph M. Hutchins, Moderator Meeting and Primaries | $ 20.00 |
| True Martin, Ballot Marker | 5.00 |
| Olive Hinman, Ballot Clerk | 10.00 |
| Blanche Mason, Ballot Clerk | 10.00 |
| Pauline Hunt, Ballot Clerk | 10.00 |
| Harvey Hinman, Ballot Marker | 5.00 |
| Harold B. Hapgood, Supervisor of Check List | 18.00 |
| Walter Niles, Supervisor of Check List | 18.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Barnett, Supervisor of Check List | 18.00 |
| Everett A. Morrison, Moderator Fall Election | 10.00 |
| | $124.00 |

*Municipal Court*

| | |
|---|---|
| Willard A. Ruch, Services as Judge 1946 | $100.00 |
| Public Service Co. of New Hamp., Electric Lights | 13.04 |
| | $113.04 |

*Town Hall and Other Town Buildings*

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Service Company of New Hamp., Electric Lights | $ 90.60 |
| Gulf Oil Corporation, Fuel Oil | 759.08 |
| Real Lacasse, Janitor | 323.00 |
| Leo Normando, Light Bulbs and Labor | 2.40 |
| George M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance | 283.10 |
| Julian Wakefield Jr., Treas. Class 1946—repairs on stage | 48.38 |
| Frank A. Smith, Labor | 25.00 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Supplies | 23.62 |
| Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies | 18.89 |
| | $1574.07 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

*Police*

| | |
|---|---|
| Anthony Dunn, Services as Police Officer | $ 89.00 |
| Real Lacasse, Transporting Prisoner | 6.00 |
| Malcolm Couture, Special Police Officer on Halloween | 5.00 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Flashlight | .89 |
| | $100.89 |

*Fire*

| | |
|---|---|
| Conn. General Life Insurance Company. Insurance | $ 109.20 |
| George M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance | 52.42 |
| Harry J. Lovell Co., 500 ft. Leader Line Fire Hose | 375.00 |
| Fire Protection Company, Mystery Nozzles, Suction Hose and Pump | 413.00 |
| John Goodale, attending Fire Meeting and mileage | 8.60 |
| Hugh Johnson, attending Fire Meeting and meals | 6.00 |
| Ray D. Fuller, attending Fire Meeting and mileage | 7.00 |
| Frank A. Smith, Labor | 9.50 |
| Raymond Savage, gasoline, using pump on sewer, tire repair and labor | 9.72 |
| Arthur Beaulieu, Attending Fire | 1.00 |
| Alvin Daigeneault, Attending Fire | 1.00 |
| Arnold Ruch, Attending Fire and taking care of hose | 3.00 |
| Warren McNeely, Attending Fire, use of car | 3.00 |
| Burton Nason, Attending Fire, taking care of hose | 3.00 |
| | $1001.94 |

*Bounties*

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert Christie, 2 bears | $10.00 |
| Bert Stinson, paid for hedgehogs | 37.50 |
| Raymond Savage, 2 bears | 10.00 |
| L. D. Perry, 1 bear | 5.00 |
| Elmer Neary, 1 bear | 5.00 |
| Carl Neary, 1 bear | 5.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Harold W. Ramsay, paid for hedgehogs | 17.50 |
| | $90.00 |

*Damage by Dogs*

| | |
|---|---|
| Edson C. Eastman, License Book, Cards and Dog Tags | $8.86 |

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Health*

| | |
|---|---|
| Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse, Salary | $1800.00 |
| Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse, Traveling Expenses | 300.00 |
| Delia B. Hapgood, Substitute Nurse | 150.00 |
| Roger Hunt, Services as Health Officer | 25.00 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Supplies, Express on Water Bottles | 3.49 |
| Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies | 45.30 |
| | $2323.79 |

*Withholding Tax*

| | |
|---|---|
| Collector of Internal Revenue, Tax withheld in 1945 | $44.40 |

*Vital Statistics*

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward B. Fuller, Recording and Returns on births, marriages and deaths | $18.75 |

*Sewer Maintenance*

| | |
|---|---|
| Fuller Brothers, Labor and Materials | $ 12.43 |
| Luther Buber Sons Co., Tile Pipe | 119.07 |
| Warren McNeely, Trucking Tile Pipe | 25.00 |
| Alice B. Hutchins, Sewer Lease | 200.00 |
| James Kennedy, Labor | 13.20 |
| Frank A. Smith, Labor | 115.00 |
| J. S. Beaton, Labor | 14.50 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Labor, Jane Kennedy Line | 27.00 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Trucking, gasoline and oil | 2.21 |
| H. Meehan, Labor | 28.50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Joe Bedard, Labor | 12.75 |
| Gale Hawkins, Labor | 9.00 |
| H. W. Ramsay, 700 Bricks at .03 | 21.00 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Trucking | 4.50 |
| Dan Daley, Labor | 3.00 |
| Joe Talbot, Labor | 45.75 |
| Clyde Curtis, Labor | 40.50 |
| Norman Currier, Labor | 7.88 |
| Fred Virtue, Labor | 29.25 |
| Barney Maloney, Labor | 2.25 |
| Henry Bedard, Labor | 15.00 |
| | $747.79 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

*Town Maintenance --- Summer*

| | |
|---|---|
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) June | $ 241.94 |
| Nora McMann, Gravel | 3.10 |
| H. W. Silsby, Supplies | .73 |
| Bert Stinson, Lumber for Bridge | 14.00 |
| Canadian National Railways, Rails used at Hollow | 67.20 |
| Reginald Lamere, Repairing Conn. River Bridge | 36.00 |
| Forest Products Co., 2 1-2 hrs., Tractor Work on LaCroix Road | 12.50 |
| Harry Boucher, Labor on Bridge, 16 days | 96.00 |
| George Zoulias, Labor on Bridge, 11 1-2 hrs. | 8.63 |
| Howard Ramsay, Labor on Bridge, 62 1-2 hrs | 46.88 |
| James Boudle, Labor on Bridge | 16.10 |
| Bernie Boudle, Labor on Bridge | 5.75 |
| Bert Stinson, Summer Road Work (payroll) | 93.72 |
| Frank A. Smith, Plank, oil, repairs and attending flares on bridge to August 20 | 112.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank A. Smith, Building shack and putting up rails, supplies | 82.75 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Labor, plank, oil, trucking and spikes | 91.89 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Labor, truck and lumber for bridge | 101.73 |
| | $1030.92 |

*Town Maintenance -- Winter*

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 bags Sodium Chloride | $ 7.55 |
| Reginald Lamere, Plowing and Sanding, January | 256.45 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) Plowing and Sanding, January | 101.30 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) Plowing and Sanding, February | 108.30 |
| Reginald Lamere, Plowing and Sanding, February | 259.85 |
| Fred Virtue, Labor on Crown Hill | 4.00 |
| Stratford Garage, Repairs on snow plow, cutting bolts and removing | 18.19 |
| George Shedd, Keeping Road open Dec. 1 to March 1 | 10.00 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) Plowing and Sanding, March | 19.20 |
| Ola Stinson, Keeping road open 1945-46 | 10.00 |
| Elmer Egan, Breaking road and shoveling, use of truck | 14.20 |
| 1 ton Sodium Chloride | 15.90 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) Plowing and Sanding, December | 79.47 |
| Reginald Lamere, Plowing and Sanding, December | 274.05 |
| | $1178.46 |

*Repairing Bridge at Stratford Hollow*

| | |
|---|---|
| Aaron E. Stevens, spikes, brushes, etc. | $ 17.29 |
| H. A. Moore & Sons, spikes | 11.00 |
| H. W. Silsby, nails, turpentine, etc. | 9.87 |
| Farmers Feed & Supply Co., brushes | 6.10 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) week ending Sept. 7th | 124.60 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) week ending Sept, 14th | 147.73 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) week ending Sept. 21st | 180.47 |
| Bert Stinson, (payroll) week ending Sept. 22nd | 28.70 |
| Curran Building Supply Co., paint, creosote, etc. | 283.50 |
| Curran Building Supply Co., lumber and and labor | 1111.49 |
| Frank A. Smith, signs | 9.00 |
| | $1929.75 |

*Town Road Aid*

| | |
|---|---|
| Treas., State of New Hampshire | $162.05 |

*Street Lighting*

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire | $1020.00 |

*General Expense*

| | |
|---|---|
| Howard Ramsay, Labor on Ice Jam | $1.50 |

LIBRARIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ethel Johnson, Treasurer, Appropriation | $ 500.00 |
| Ethel Johnson, Treasurer, Appropriation for repairing library building at Stratford Hollow | 500.00 |
| | $1000.00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

*Old Age Assistance*

| | |
|---|---|
| State Department of Public Welfare | $282.58 |

*Town Poor*

| | |
|---|---|
| Elizabeth Egan, Board and care of Thomas Gallant, Dec. 18, 1945 to Dec. 5, 1946 | $ 265.00 |
| Lina K. Wood, Board and care of Geraldine White, Dec. 13, 1945 to Dec. 12, 1946 | 290.00 |
| Mrs. Jay C. Knights, Board, care, clothing and medical care of William Young, Jan. 1, 1946 to Jan. 1, 1947 | 295.50 |
| Myrtle Hapgood, Board and care of Mary Young's child, Dec. 31, 1945 to Dec. 30, 30, 1946 | 290.00 |
| Graydon Williams, Operation and hospital care for baby | 69.00 |
| Heamon Nason, Mary Hitchcock Hospital Bill | 80.70 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Feeding and room for transients | 4.00 |
| Dr. Bruce Kelly, Call to Charles Sedgell | 5.60 |
| | $1299.80 |

*County Poor*

| | |
|---|---|
| Jesse Grover, wood for Mrs. Maynes | $5.00 |
| Donald Shoff, trucking | 3.00 |
| | $8.00 |

## PATRIOTIC

*Memorial Day and Other Celebrations*

| | |
|---|---|
| Sentinel Publishing Co., printing programs | $10.00 |
| Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies for lunch and two wreaths | 16.24 |
| Harold W. Ramsay, Supplies for lunch | 7.38 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Carl Fischer, Band Books | 3.87 |
| | $37.49 |

RECREATION

*Parks and Playgrounds*

| | |
|---|---|
| Canadian National Railways, Site for Fountain | $ 6.00 |
| John Drapeau, Care of Monument | 5.00 |
| | $11.00 |

REGIONAL SUPPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| White Mountains Region Association, Appropriation | $71.10 |

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

*Cemeteries*

| | |
|---|---|
| William Fuller, labor and cleaning Center Cemetery | $42.69 |
| Hugh Johnson, Mowing Center Cemetery | 50.00 |
| Walter Niles, Cleaning East Stratford Cemetery | 5.00 |
| | $97.69 |

UNCLASSIFIED

*Damage and Legal Expenses*

| | |
|---|---|
| William Egan, Damage to truck going through bridge | $ 25.00 |
| William Lehnert, Legal Services 1945-1946 | 130.66 |
| | $155.66 |

*Taxes Bought by Town*

| | |
|---|---|
| Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector, Tax Sale Costs | $50.46 |
| (Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector, Tax Sale 1946 | $1294.07) |

*Refunds*

| | |
|---|---|
| Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector, Overpayment on Taxes | $ 64.07 |
| Ervin Connary, Vehicle Tax | 40.72 |
| | $104.79 |

*Water Department*

| | |
|---|---|
| Johnson-Barker-Webb Corp., Supplies | $ 76.35 |
| John Drapeau, Labor cleaning Reservoir, 54 hrs. | 40.50 |
| Gale Hawkins, Labor cleaning Reservoir, 51 hours | 38.25 |
| H. Meeham, Labor cleaning Reservoir, 51 hrs. | 38.25 |
| H. W. Ramsay, Labor cleaning Reservoir, 6 hrs. | 4.50 |
| Frank A. Smith, Labor, help and supplies on water line and cleaning reservoir | 309.24 |
| Frank A. Smith, Commissions on collections of water rent | 99.00 |
| | $606.09 |

*Discounts and Abatements*

| | |
|---|---|
| Bernard Jacobs, Abatement of Taxes—Shaughnessy Knitting Co. | $1000.00 |

INTEREST

| | |
|---|---|
| Lancaster National Bank, Bond and Coupon Account | $ 25.00 |
| Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Interest on Water Notes, Apr. 15 | 55.00 |
| Graham, Parsons Company, Interest on Water Notes, Apr. 15 | 110.00 |
| Robert P. Burroughs, Interest on Water Notes, Apr. 15 | 68.75 |
| Lancaster National Bank, Interest on | |

| | |
|---|---|
| Water Bonds, May 1 | 975.00 |
| Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Interest on Water Notes, Oct. 15 | 55.00 |
| Graham, Parsons Company, Interest on Water Notes, Oct. 15 | 110.00 |
| Robert P. Burroughs, Interest on Water Notes, Oct. 15 | 68.75 |
| Lancaster National Bank, Interest on Water Bonds, Nov. 1 | 925.00 |
| | $2392.50 |

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

*Bonds and Term Notes*

| | |
|---|---|
| Lancaster National Bank, Payment on principal May 1, Bond | $2000.00 |
| Lancaster National Bank, Payment on principal, October 15, Note | 1000.00 |
| Lancaster National Bank, Payment on principal Nov. 1, Bond | 2000.00 |
| | $5000.00 |

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

*State and County Precincts*

| | |
|---|---|
| State of New Hampshire, Special Poll Taxes | $507.00 |
| J. Arthur Sullivan, County Treasurer, County Tax | $4215.85 |

*School District*

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $22100.00 |

## REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS - Town of Stratford, N. H.

| | Bal. Jan. 1, '46 | Interest | Expended | Bal. Dec. 31, '46 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Johnson, Piper and Crown lots | $621.73 | $12.48 | $12.48 | $621.73 |
| Eliza Connary | 103.04 | 2.07 | 2.07 | 103.04 |
| Clara Waters | 100.00 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 100.00 |
| Alice Wheeler | 300.00 | 6.03 | 6.03 | 300.00 |
| Florence French | 200.00 | 4.02 | 4.02 | 200.00 |
| Rev. L. W. Prescott | 102.05 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 102.05 |
| Michael and John O'Dowd | 103.54 | 2.07 | 3.00 | 102.61 |
| Christopher Day | 100.00 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 100.00 |
| Ockington & Stone | 200.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 200.00 |
| | Mar. 29, '46 | | | |
| Rev. Blanche Morey | 100.00 | .50 | | 100.50 |
| | May 24, '46 | | | |
| Ernest J. Bean | 200.00 | .33 | | 200.33 |
| | Oct. 31, '46 | | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Frederick A. Hapgood | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| | Nov. 4, '46 | |
| Martha Burns | 200.00 | |

PAULINE HUNT,
DELIA B. HAPGOOD,
*Trustees.*

# DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

December 4, 1946.

Board of Selectmen
Stratford, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Stratford which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the town. This audit covered the period from November 6, 1945, date of our previous audit, to November 12, 1946. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is made in three sections as follows:

Section I—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1945

Section II—Period from January 1st to November 12th, 1946.

Section III—Statistical Tables Covering Ten Year Period

## SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Water Department Collector, Municipal Court, Public Health Nurse and Trustees of Trust Funds.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*Comparative Balance Sheets*—December 31, 1944-December 31, 1945: (Exh. A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1944 and December 31, 1945, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein a decrease of $9,668.98 in Net Debt took place during the year.

*Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues*: (Exhibits B & C)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945, are presented in Exhibits B and C. As indicated by the budget summary, a net excess of actual over estimated revenues of $2,589.94, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $2,008.22, resulted in a net budget surplus of $4,598.16.

*Analysis of Change of Net Debt*: (Exhibit D)

The factors which affected the change in the financial condition of the town during the year were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Net Debt—December 31, 1944 | $41,483.13 |
| Net Debt—December 31, 1945 | 31,814.15 |
| Decrease of Net Debt | $ 9,668.98 |

*Analysis of Change in Net Debt*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Decreases* | | |
| Net Budget Surplus | $4,598.16 | |
| Reduction of Long Term Notes and Bonds | 6,000.00 | |
| Reduction of Accounts Payable | 407.63 | |
| | | $11,005.79 |
| *Increases* | | |
| Decrease in Accounts Receivable | $1,070.89 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Decrease of Cash in Hands of Officials | 181.04 | |
| Other Items | 84.88 | |
| | | 1,336.81 |
| Decrease of Net Debt | | $9,668.98 |

*Statement of Outstanding Debt*: (Exhibit E)

A statement of debt as of December 31, 1945, showing annual maturities of principal and interest on all outstanding issues of bonds and long term notes is presented in Exhibit E.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditures*: (Exhibit G)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts is included in Exhibit G.

## AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1945, and November 12, 1946, is indicated in Exhibits H and A-1, respectively.

## TAX ACCOUNTS

Tax warrants for the levies of 1946, 1945, 1944, 1943 and 1942, and tax sale accounts for the levies of 1945 and previous years, were examined. Summaries indicating the activity in the tax warrant and tax sales accounts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945, and the period from Janu-

ary 1st to November 12th, 1946, are presented in Exhibits I, J, K, L, M, and B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and C-1, respectively.

A summary statement of the special poll tax account as of December 31, 1945, is presented in Exhibit N.

## TOWN CLERK

The accounts and records of the town clerk were examined and audited. All funds received by the clerk on account of the issuance of motor vehicle permits and dog licenses were properly accounted for through remittances to the Treasurer or cash on hand. Summaries of these accounts appear in Exhibits P and E-1.

## LIBRARY TREASURER

The receipts and expenditures of the treasurer of the library were checked and the treasurer's bank balance reconciled as of December 31, 1945 and November 12, 1946. (Exhibits S & H-1)

## TRUST FUNDS

Savings bank books and securities representing the principal and unexpended income of the trust funds were examined. A summary statement of trust fund principal and income as of December 31, 1945, is included in Exhibit V.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

The accounts of the Water Department Collector were examined and audited. Summary statements of accounts receivable as well as collections and remittances to the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945, and the period from January 1st to November 12th, 1946, are included in Exhibits Q, R, and F-1, G-1, respectively.

## TOWN OFFICERS' SURETY BONDS

A list of the town officers who are required by law to be bonded, together with the amounts of

the bonds and the surety companies, for the year 1946, will be found in Exhibit J-I. The bond of the town clerk was not presented for examination.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

*Water Department*:

An improvement in water collections was made. During the year 1945, current billings for water service amounted to $2,498.62, while collections for the year totaled $2,901.07. In the period from January 1st to November 12th, 1946, collections amounted to $2,919.55 compared to current billings of $2,167.66.

It is noted however that abatements on account of water charges during the period, January 1st to November 12th, 1946, amounted to $1,447.71, which was almost 50 per cent of the actual collections in the same period. Greater effort should be made to collect the water bills before they become uncollectible and it becomes necessary to charge off these accounts.

A new form of ledger sheet is being installed for the water collector's use. This will make it possible for him to determine at all times the balance due on any of the water customer's accounts.

*Road Agent*:

The road agent's payrolls which supported vouchers and checks issued to him by the selectmen and treasurer were not signed by the individual employees. In all cases where the road agent acts as paymaster the payrolls which are filed with the selectmen should either (1) be signed by the individual employees whose names appear thereon; or (2) road agents' cancelled checks to employees should be attached thereto.

*Unredeemed Taxes*:

As indicated by Exhibit C-2, as of November

12, 1946, there were unredeemed taxes amounting in all to $3,685.34. Of this amount $1,277.11 was on account of the levies of 1943 and previous years. All taxes which remain unredeemed after two years from the date of the tax sale should be cleaned up either through collector's deeds to the town or by abatement if for any reason a deed cannot be taken.

*Dog Licenses*:

In last year's audit report attention was called to the unsatisfactory collection of dog licenses. No improvement was noted this year and it is again recommended that this matter be given serious consideration and steps be taken to enforce the law relative to the licensing of dogs.

All dog licenses issued should be recorded in the town clerk's cash book.

*Abatement of Taxes*:

An abatement slip, signed by the selectmen, should be given to the tax collector each time an abatement is authorized by the board. A permanent record of all abatements made should also be kept by the selectmen in a book designated for this purpose.

*Library—Special Appropriation*:

Vouchers issued on account of the special library appropriation were not accompanied by supporting bills and invoices.

*Conclusion*:

The accounts and records of all town officials, with exceptions as herein noted, were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published

in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Stratford for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
*Director.*
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Herbert E. Hunt,
*Auditor.*
Alan R. Matthews,
Norman P. Schauer,
Robert Ford,
*Accountants.*

Division of Municipal Accounting
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord. New Hampshire
December 4, 1946

*CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT*

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945 and the period from January 1st to November 12th, 1946; and, subject to the exceptions noted in this report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
*Director*

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# *Report of Library Trustees*

*Receipts*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1946 | |
| Jan. 1, Cash on hand | $ 387.01 |
| Rent from Stratford Library Bldg. | 24.00 |
| Fines | 21.00 |
| Annual appropriation for 1946 | 500.00 |
| Special appropraition for repairs on Stratford Library Bldg. | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 8.00 |
| | $1440.01 |

*Expenditures*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1946 Rent for North Stratford Library | $144.00 |
| Salary for North Stratford Librarian | 142.00 |
| Books | 113.44 |
| Magazines | 30.35 |
| Miscellaneous | 39.08 |
| | $468.87 |
| *Repairs on Laura Johnson Library Building at Stratford*: | |
| John Hodgsdon, labor | $180.00 |
| Isaac McDow, labor | 186.50 |
| J. S. Beaton, copper pipe, supplies and labor in laying same | 135.55 |
| H. A. Moore & Son, 696 sq. ft. sheet rock | 31.32 |
| Weeks Marshall, topping out chimney | 14.00 |
| Glass, glazing, etc. | 24.21 |
| Miscellaneous | 79.95 |
| | $651.53 |

| 1947 | |
|---|---|
| Jan. 1, Cash on hand | $391.61 |

ETHEL P. JOHNSON,
*Treasurer.*

# *Report of Public Health Nurse*

| | |
|---|---|
| Nursing Care Visits | 1076 |
| Obstetrical Visits | 7 |
| Baby Visits | 108 |
| Welfare Visits | 355 |
| School Visits | 172 |
| Clinics | 6 |
| Total | 1724 |
| Fees Collected | $766.00 |
| Turned to Town Treasurer | $766.00 |

Respectfully submitted

DELIA B. HAPGOOD,
*Public Health Nurse.*

# *Water Department Report*

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1945 | $ 190.05 |
| Collections for 1946 | 3299.80 |
| | 3489.85 |
| Deposited with Town Treasurer | $3489.85 |
| Total charges 1946 | $5899.10 |
| Less Vacancies | 167.50 |
| | $5731.60 |
| Less collections | 3299.80 |
| Unpaid balance | $2431.80 |

# *Municipal Court*

1946

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carried forward from Dec. 31, 1945 | | $ 9.88 |
| Received by fines | | 593.00 |
| Received by costs | | 137.70 |
| Received Civil Cases | | 25.61 |
| | | $766.19 |
| Paid to offices | $70.10 | |
| Paid to Witnesses | 6.00 | |
| Paid to County Farm | 18.00 | |
| Paid to Town | 277.00 | |
| Paid to Motor Vehicle Dept. | 307.20 | |
| Paid to Plaintiff, Civil | 22.71 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1946 | 65.18 | |
| | | $766.19 |

Cases involving misuse of automobiles:
15 at their cost of $392.60

Cases involving misuse of liquor:
(includes 5 for both auto and liquor)
12 at their cost of $591.40

WILLARD RUCH,
*Justice.*

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE

# *School Warrant*

*STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE*

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in district affairs*:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the village of North Stratford, in said district, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1947, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District as determined by the School Board in its annual budget report.
8. To see if the District will vote to purchase two oil burners, one for the North Stratford High School building and the other for the Stratford Hollow building.
9. If the District votes in the affirmative on

the preceding article, to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of providing funds to purchase said oil burners.

10. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hand at said Stratford this 30th day of January, 1947.

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA STEVENS,
WALTER NILES,
*School Board.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA STEVENS,
WALTER NILES,
*School Board.*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

*Organization*

| | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Chairman, Leslie E. Barnett | 1947 |
| Secretary, Flora H. Stevens | 1949 |
| Member, Walter L. Niles | 1948 |
| Treasurer, Eidth M. Lowe | |
| Clerk, | |
| Truant Officre, Delia B. Hapgood | |
| Auditor, State Tax Commission | |
| Moderator, Rev. E. M. Fuller | |
| Supt. of Schools, L. Munro Grandy | |

Board meetings are called by the Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946

*Summary*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand June 30, 1945 | | $ 694.70 |
| Received from Selectmen: | | |
| Appropriations | $19,600.00 | |
| Dog tax | | |
| Received from State Treasurer: | | |
| State Aid | 5,045.93 | |
| Federal Aid | 310.58 | |
| Received from all other sources | 3,399.24 | |
| | | $28,355.75 |
| Total amount available for school year | | $29,054.45 |
| Less school board orders paid | | 27,323.78 |
| Balance on hand as of June 30, '46 | | $ 1,726.67 |

EDITH M. LOWE,
*District Treasurer.*

July 1, 1946.

The Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission
Concord, New Hampshire

December 7, 1946

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Stratford School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District, together with the result of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Fowler,
*Director*
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL
ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Herbert E. Hunt,
*Auditor*
Alan R. Matthews,
Norman P. Schauer,
*Accountants.*

## STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Comparative Balance Sheets*

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1945 & June 30, 1946

| *Assets* | June 30, '45 | June 30, '46 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on Hand | $ 694.70 | $1,726.67 |
| Accounts Receivable | 404.60 | |
| *Total Assets* | $1,099.30 | $1,726.67 |
| *Liabilities* | | |
| Accounts Owed by School District | $ 134.88 | $ |
| *Total Liabilities* | $ 134.88 | |
| Surplus | 964.42 | 1,726.67 |
| *Total Liabilities & Surp.* | $1,099.30 | $1,726.67 |

## STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Analysis of Change in Financial Condition*

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1946

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Surplus—June 30, 1946 | | $1,726.67 |
| Surplus—June 30, 1945 | | 964.42 |
| Net Increase in Surplus | | $ 762.25 |
| *Analysis of Change in Surplus* | | |
| *Increases*: | | |
| Budget Surplus | $1,703.97 | |
| Reduction of Accounts Payable | 134.88 | |
| | | $1,838.85 |
| *Decreases*: | | |
| Reduction of Accounts Receivable | $ 404.60 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Surplus Cash Used to Reduce School Tax | 672.00 | |
| | | 1,076.60 |
| *Net Incerase* | | $ 762.25 |

# STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures*
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1946

*Receipts*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on Hand, July 1, 1945 | | $ 694.70 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Town Appropriation, | | |
| Regular | $19,000.00 | |
| Special Appropriation | 600.00 | |
| *State of New Hampshire*: | | |
| Equalization Fund | 5,045.93 | |
| Home Economics | 310.58 | |
| Tuitions | 3,322.55 | |
| Refunds | 76.69 | |
| | | 28,355.75 |
| *Grand Total* | | $29,050.45 |

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures*

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1946

| *Expenditudes* | High | Elementary | General | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Administration*: | | | | |
| Salaries of District Officers | | | $ 200.00 | |
| Superintendent's Excess Salary | | | 411.55 | |
| Truant Officer and Census | | | 15.00 | |
| Expense of Administration | | | 128.46 | |
| | | | | 755.01 |
| *Instruction*: | | | | |
| Principal and Teachers' Salaries | $8,658.64 | $8,977.04 | $17,635.68 | |
| Textbooks | 217.12 | 165.03 | 382.15 | |
| Scholars' Supplies | 184.74 | 297.26 | 482.00 | |
| Other Expenses of Instruction | 55.15 | 11.99 | 67.14 | |
| | $9,115.65 | $9,451.32 | $18,566.97 | 18,566.97 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Operation and Maintenance*: | | | | |
| Janitor Service | $ 339.20 | $ 622.20 | $ 961.40 | |
| Fuel | 301.29 | 1,024.09 | 1,325.38 | |
| Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies | 105.48 | 265.48 | 370.96 | |
| Minor Repairs and Expenses | 176.30 | 309.53 | 485.83 | |
| | $ 922.27 | $2,221.30 | $ 3,143.57 | 3,143.57 |
| *Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities*: | | | | |
| Medical Inspection and Health | $ 50.00 | $ 450.00 | $ 500.00 | |
| Transportation | 750.00 | 2,659.00 | 3,409.00 | |
| Other Special Activities | 34.37 | 100.00 | 134.37 | |
| | $ 834.37 | $3,209.00 | $ 4,043.37 | 4,043.37 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Fixed Charges*: | | |
| State Wide Supervision Tax | $ 454.00 | |
| Insurance | 360.86 | |
| | | 814.86 |
| Total Expenditures | | $27,323.78 |
| Cash on Hand, June 30, 1946 | | 1,726.67 |
| *Grand Total* | | $29,050.45 |

## LIST OF TEACHERS' SALARIES FOR 1945-46

| | |
|---|---|
| Russell H. Marshall | $2500.00 |
| Dorothy W. Marshall | 1600.00 |
| George C. Zoulias | 2000.00 |
| Constance Carr | 1500.00 |
| Eugene Smith | 2000.00 |
| Wilfred J. Turmelle | 1200.00 |
| Mary E. Bennett | 1200.00 |
| Grace S. Martin | 1250.00 |
| Edith McGuire | 1175.00 |
| Stella Ingerson | 1175.00 |
| Nathalie S. Fuller | 1075.00 |
| Ethel R. Wheeler | 1075.00 |

## BUDGET FOR 1947-1948

School Board's estimate of the mount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations for the year beginning July 1, 1947.

*Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditures*

| | High Sch. | Elem. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Support of Schools*: | | | |
| Teachers' Salaries | $10980.00 | $10620.00 | $21600.00 |
| Text books | 127.55 | 297.45 | 425.00 |
| Scholars' supplies | 210.00 | 490.00 | 700.00 |
| Flags and appurtenances | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Other expenses of instruction | 150.00 | 150.00 | 300.00 |
| Janitor service | 220.00 | 880.00 | 1100.00 |
| Fuel | 412.30 | 1650.20 | 2062.50 |
| Water, light and janitor supplies | 100.00 | 400.00 | 500.00 |
| Minor repairs and expenses | 160.00 | 640.00 | 800.00 |
| Health supervision | 30.00 | 480.00 | 510.00 |
| Transportation of pupils | 374.00 | 3366.00 | 3740.00 |
| Other special activities | 150.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 |
| New equipment | 300.00 | 200.00 | 500.00 |
| Total | $13213.85 | $19248.65 | $32462.50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Other Statutory Requirements*: | |
| Salaries of district officers | $210.00 |
| Truant officer and school census | 25.00 |
| Expenses of Administration | 420.00 |
| Supt. salary | 561.55 |
| Fixed Charges: | |
| Per capita tax ($2 per capita) | 484.00 |
| Insurance | 250.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Employees' Retirement | 677.94 | |
| | | $ 2,628.49 |
| Total estimated expense | | $35,090.99 |
| *Estimated Income of the District Other Than Taxation:* | | |
| Balance June 30, 1947 (Estimate) | | |
| State Aid (Estimate) | $4,819.28 | |
| Dog Tax | 75.00 | |
| High School tuition (Estim.) | 1,800.00 | |
| Elementary tuition (Estimate) | 500.00 | |
| Total estimated income | | $ 7,294.28 |
| *Assessment required to balance budget* | | $27,796.71 |

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA H. STEVENS,
WALTER L. NILES,
*School Board.*

Stratford, N. H.
January 30, 1947

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Members of the School Board and Citizens of Stratford:*

I hereby submit my first annual report on the schools of Stratford. This report will be in seven sections.

*I. Statistics:*

A. Enrollment 1946-1947

| Grade | No. Stratford | Strat. Hollow | M'stone | Bloomfield | Brunswick | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 23 |
| 2 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 3 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 4 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| 5 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 6 | 18 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 7 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 21 |
| 8 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| 9 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 19 |
| 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| 12 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| Total | 171 | 41 | 11 | 20 | 10 | 253 |

B. Perfect Attendance:

The following pupils are to be congratulated for their deligence and earnestness of purpose resulting in perfect attendance at school for the year 1945-46.

Walter Gniady — John Shedd
Peter Paquette — Lucille McMann
Eugene Wheeler

*II. Teachers:* It is self-evident that teacher availability has reached crisis proportions in the

United States and New Hampshire is indeed not the exception.

We have been fortunate in the elementary schools in that our only loss this year was Mrs. Bennett, the fifth and sixth grade teacher. This position has been ably filled by Mrs. Florence Daley, Mrs. Mary Lynch Nugent, and Mrs. Mary Clark Nugent.

There was, with the exception of Mr. George Zoulias, a complete turnover in the High School. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. David Appleton as Headmaster. Mr. Appleton received his B. S. degree from the University of New Hampshire and will receive his Master of Education degree this summer from the same institution. Mr. Appleton comes to us with a well-rounded experience as teacher in the elementary and secondary schools of New Hampshire and with two years' experience as Headmaster of the Gorham Senior High School at Gorham, Maine.

Mrs. Dorcas Nute Wilson who received her training at Keene Teachers College and had one year of experience as a teacher at Andover High School, replaced Mrs. Dorothy Marshall in the Home Economics department. Mrs. Agnes Petzold, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and with several years' experience was secured to fill the vacancy in the English and foreign language department. Mr. Hans Frei remained with us on a part-time basis to fill our need in the social sciences.

At the present time it has been necessary to make changes in the secondary field. Replacements are needed in the English, Language and Home Economics departments. This condition is being met by placing Mr. Hans Frei on a full time basis

and by securing the services of Miss Phoebe Stevens, a graduate of Westbrook Junior College in Portland and a graduate nurse of several years' experience.

In this emergency all of the teachers, without exception, have risen to the crisis and in the overall picture, Stratford schools, I believe, have suffered very little from the point of view of standards. On our staff we have teachers of experience. Those lacking in experience make up for this deficiency with an above average amount of maturity and judgment.

Teachers need, as in the other professions, to keep abreast of the new developments in their field. To provide for this to supplement summer training, an extension course in Mental Hygiene is being offered this year. This course carries college credit and is open to all teachers in this region. Most of our teachers not intending to attend summer school this summer have enrolled.

*III. Curriculum*: During the year the superintendent, headmaster and teachers have been studying the program of studies which will serve best "all the children of all the people." Our program is modified, of course, by the community's ability to pay, the available teachers and the students' needs.

The elementary curriculum continues to stress the fundamental processes and skills in reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling, but has not lost sight of the importance of citizenship, health, and community loyalty.

A complete testing program has been inaugurated so that the pupils' abilities and deficiencies can be charted. The teacher will then be better

able to aid in the remedial techniques necessary to the correction of these deficiencies.

Audio-visual education, the use of the motion picture in the classroom, has progressed during the past decade and it is hoped that our schools will soon be able to include this important adjunct to learning in the curriculum.

The High School offers a better than average selection to its pupils. A college preparatory course will, if followed, prepare students of ability reasonably well for most of the non-secular post secondary schools of the East.

This year it was possible to offer Industrial Arts to the boys in grades 9 and 10 and the program in Home Economics was expanded to include the girls in grades 7 and 8.

Full credit in typing is given, though the commercial program has been modified due primarily to two factors, availability of teachers and the small number of selections. The program, as it now stands, in my opinion offers a well rounded program to the boys and girls of this region.

I would suggest, however, that if any increase in the enrollment or any change in the availabilty of teachers occurs, an expansion of the commerce course and the Industrial Arts course be accomplished.

*IV. Health*: The annual health examination was made by Miss Delia Hapgood, R. N. The report showed:

| | |
|---|---|
| Pupils examined | 227 |
| Pupils found with defective vision | 16 |
| Pupils found with defective hearing | 4 |
| Pupils found with defective teeth | 105 |
| Pupils found with defective speech | 1 |
| Pupils found with nervous condition | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Pupils found with deformity | 1 |
| Pupils found with diseased tonsils | 18 |
| Defects corrected since last report: | |
| Vision | 8 |
| Teeth | 22 |
| Tonsils and adenoids | 8 |
| Cases of communicable diseases: | |
| Chicken Pox | 1 |
| Measles | 5 |
| Mumps | 50 |
| Whooping Cough | 14 |
| Pediculosis | 5 |

Clinics—1 Chest, 1 Toxoid.

*V. General*: Minor repairs were made in the North Stratford and Stratford Hollow schools. This work was hampered by non-availability of material and labor. One major item of repair was accomplished in that both schools have been insulated, which fact should show considerable saving in fuel and more uniform heating of our buildings.

With the rising cost of living reaching an unreasonable height in December, a cost of living bonus of $100 was presented to each teacher. This added expense was taken from current funds, and it is anticipated that we will end the school year without a deficit.

*VI. Recommendations and Conclusions*: In line with a nationwide recognition of the inadequacies of the teachers' salaries, I believe that a salary schedule in line with communities of comparable wealth is desirable and necessary. Along with this program, the superintendent believes that something should be done concerning the housing facilities for non resident teachers and headmas-

ters.

Continuation of the general repair program, keeping always in mind our ability to pay, seems to be advisable.

There is need for added equipment in the science department and I would suggest that a program of yearly additions to capital equipment be carried on.

It is contemplated that towns in our State will receive more aid from the State in another year. If this be true, many of the improvements in educational services should be forthcoming without an increase in future tax rates.

In conclusion, I wish to commend the teachers who have been with us for several years for their ever ready willingness to help and guide, and to the new additions to the faculty for their effort and purpose in bringing to us those things desirable and absorbing the many goods already present.

I have found the morale of both teachers and pupils above average and our program well rounded, so that in the end the needs of our future citizens should be well served.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation given the schools by the citizens, and my gratitude to the members of the School Board for their help and guidance. Without the combined efforts of the citizeury, teachers and pupils, the goals of education in Stratford could not be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

L. MUNRO GRANDY,
*Superintendent of School.*

# VITAL STATISTICS

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946.

| Date and Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence at Time of Marriage | Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride | Place of Birth of Each | Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 22 | Thomas Graham | Boston, Mass. | 31 Stock Clerk | Bloomfield, Vt. | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Relva Johnson | Boston, Mass. | 25 Secretary | West Paris, Me. | 1 No. Stratford |
| Sept. 28 | Harold Gomm | Stratford | 23 Carpenter | Oldtown, Me. | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Gladys Barker | Stratford | 17 Nurse maid | Caswell, Me. | 1 No. Stratford |
| Aug. 5 | William Howland | No. Stratford | 17 Sawmill Emp. | Caswell, Me. | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Pearl White | Northumberland | 22 Conv. Plant | Groveton | 1 No. Stratford |
| Oct. 12 | John Jewell | Groveton | 23 Laborer | Guildhall, Vt. | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Eleanor Curtis | No. Stratford | 22 Mill worker | E. Charlestown, Vt | 1 No. Stratford |
| Aug. 12 | William Marsh | Colebrook | 19 U. S. Soldier | Stewartstown | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Barbara Morrison | No. Stratford | 17 Student | Warren | 1 No. Stratford |
| June 10 | Paul Poirier | Concord | 24 Barber | Concord | 1 Rev. Msgr. Buckley |
| Concord | Helen Merriam | Stratford | 23 Shipping Clerk | Worcester, Mass. | 1 Concord |
| Oct. 12 | Harley Parker | Groveton | 26 Mechanic | Pittsburg | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Geraldine Curtis | No. Stratford | 20 At home | No. Stratford | 1 No. Stratford |
| Sept 28 | Albert Riff | No. Stratford | 20 Truck driver | No. Stratford | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Mary Whiting | No. Stratford | 15 At home | Stratford | 1 No. Stratford |
| Dec. 20 | Harold Schellenger | Stratford | 38 Carpenter | Putnam, N. Y. | 2 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| Groveton | Harriet Allen | Newcastle, Me. | 26 Teacher | Chicago, Ill. | 1 Groveton |
| Dec. 21 | Lawrence Stevens | No. Stratford | 24 Medical Student | No. Stratford | 1 Rev. Hans Frei |
| No. Stratford | Patricia Yule | Canada | 21 Nurse | Montreal | 1 No. Stratford |
| Aug. 8 | Louis Whiting | Stratford | 27 Mill worker | Dalton | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Wava Sanborn | Stratford | 18 Mill worker | Stratford | 1 No. Stratford |
| June 8 | Paul Brown | Stratford | 24 Mill worker | Stratford | 1 Rev. Rudolph Heon |
| Groveton | Shirley Perkins | Northumberland | 18 Mill worker | Madawaska, Me. | 1 Groveton |
| Nov. 1 | Robert Cushing | Groveton | 22 Student | Groveton | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| Groveton | Delia Connary | Stratford | 23 At home | Stratford | 1 Northumberland |
| Nov. 23 | Maurice Connary | Stratford | 19 Con. Plant Emp | Stratford | 1 Rev. Rudolph Heon |
| Groveton | Constance Gilman | Northumberland | 20 Con. Plant Emp. | Groveton | 1 Groveton |
| June 27 | Howard Dowse | Stratford | 27 Carpenter | Northumberland | 1 Rev. Leo J. Poulin |
| No. Stratford | Marion Daley | Bloomfield, Vt. | 26 Teacher | Boston, Mass. | 1 No. Stratford |
| Sept. 18 | William De Young | Boston, Mass. | 47 Carpenter | Nova Scotia | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Thelma Parker | Boston, Mass. | 37 Waitress | Louisville, Ky. | 1 No. Stratford |

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946.

| Date and Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence at Time of Marriage | Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride | Place of Birth of Each | Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 5 | Richard Davenport | Stratford | 24 Mill worker | Madrid, Me. | 1 Rev. E. M. Fuller |
| No. Stratford | Cora Scott | No. Stratford | 15 At home | Stewartstown | 1 No. Stratford |
| June 7 | Leslie Emerson | Lancaster | 21 Sawmill worker | Lancaster | 1 Rev. Leo J. Poulin |
| No. Stratford | Rita King | Stratford | 20 Mill worker | Stratford | 1 No. Stratford |
| Nov. 11 | Theodore Estes | No. Stratford | 22 Carpenter | No. Stratford | 1 Rev. M. H. Porter |
| Colebrook | Bertena Marsh | Colebrook | 18 Housework | Clarksville | 1 Colebrook |
| Mar. 18 | Malcolm Fuller Jr. | No. Stratford | 20 Pulping | Springfield, Mass. | 1 Rev. M. H. Porter |
| Colebrook | Lucille Washburn | Columbia | 19 At home | Columbia | 1 Colebrook |
| Sept. 28 | Laurent Fournier | Haverhill | 26 Clerk | E. Hereford, Que. | 1 Rev. Leo J. Poulin |
| No. Stratford | Rita Tetreault | Stratford | 22 Stenographer | Stratford | 1 No. Stratford |

## Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946.

| *Date of Birth and Name of Child if any* | *Sex — L or S No. of Child* | *Name of Father* | *Maiden Name of Mother* | *Occupation of Father* | *Birthplace of Father* | *Birthplace of Mother* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 15 David Earle | M L 3 | Howard Bean | Sylvia Daniels | Trucker | Burke Hollow, Vt. | No. Stratford |
| Aug 19 Willam Samuel | M L 1 | William Boudle | Eda Johnson | Trackman | No. Stratford | West Paris, Me. |
| Oct 26 Bruce Olin | M L 1 | Stewart Blodgett | Marion Gardner | Section man | Columbia | Whitefield |
| July 15 Priscilla Ann | F L 2 | Raymond Curtis | Sheila McAuliffe | Maintenance | No. Stratford | Ilford, Eng. |
| Jan 23 Michael Stephen | M L 7 | Holman Dowse | Phyllis Reed | Truck driver | Stratford | Lemington, Vt. |
| Dec 9 Peter Arthur | M L 1 | Howard Dowse | Marion Daley | Carpenter | Northumberland | Boston, Mass. |
| Oct 17 Carlene June | F L 2 | William Egan | Edith Bacon | Farmer | Stratford | Stark |
| June 3 Burton Lee | M L 2 | Lee Gilbualt | Mavis White | Trucking | Troy, Vt. | Westfield, Mass, |
| Sept 26 Terrence Henry | M L 2 | Arthur Monahan | Juliette Morris | Truck driving | Fitchburg, Mass. | Island Pond, Vt. |
| June 3 Linda Jean | F L 3 | Sidney Roby | Dora Reynolds | Laborer | Norton Mills, Vt. | Randolph, Me. |
| Mar 20 Robert William | M L 3 | Carl Tetu | Blanche Gaudette | Farmer | Stratford | Northumberland |
| Nov 28 Lillian Gertrude | F L 4 | Leland Lurvey | Lurline Smith | Steam Engineer | Bloomfield, Vt. | Bartlett |

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946.

| *Date and Place of Death* | *Name and Surname of Deceased* | *Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth* | *Male or Female Single, Married, Widowed and Occupation* | *Name of Father* | *Maiden Name of Mother* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feb 20 W Stewart'n | Bertha A. Blodgett | 67 4 4 Enfield | F M Housewife | Hosmer | Biglow |
| Feb 27 Berlin | Edwin Blodgett | 67 1 Groveton | M W Millwright | | Evalanie Blodgett |
| Oct 24 Stratford | Everett C. Brown | 67 9 5 Stratford | M M Merchant | William Brown | S. Ella Bishop |
| Dec 6 No. Stratford | Cyrus O. Blodgett | 72 5 22 Pittsburg | M M Lum. Surveyor | Edw. C. Blodgett | Lucy Fellows |
| May 18 Berlin | Ray Conn | 46 8 16 BrunswickVt | M S Electrician | James Conn | Rena Paschall |
| Aug 28 Lancaster | Robert Christie | 71 8 14 LiverpoolEng | M W Blacksmith | | |
| Dec 4 No. Stratford | Priscilla A. Curtis | 4 18 Lancaster | F S | Raym'd H. Curtis | Sheila M. McAuliffe |
| Feb 4 Berlin | Eleonard Doyon | 54 2 8 Canada | F M Housewife | Louis Roy | |
| Jan 25 Lancaster | Robert G. Holden | 27 1 4 Lancaster | M M Mechanic | Horace Holden | Annie Freeman |
| Nov 27 Concord | Guy T. Hapgood | 60 3 19 Stratford | M M Mill worker | Colin Hapgood | Elizabeth Barnett |
| Aug 9 W Stewart'n | Virginia LaPointe | 55 6 25 Canada | F M Housewife | Leo Salois | Lamoureux |
| June 8 Berlin | Edward Morin | 56 2 21 Canada | M W Woodsman | Georges Morin | Flavie Poulin |
| Oct 27 Plymouth | Nellie E. Mitchell | 80 11 7 Stratford | F W Housewife | Nicholas Stone | |
| Feb 20 Plymouth | Garnie E. Pant | 6 16 Plymouth | F S | Clyde Plant | Eunice Russell |
| Aug 17 No. Stratford | Gerard L. Poulin | 37 9 25 Canada | M M Jobber | Archilaus Poulin | Alphonaius Goulet |
| July 31 No. Stratford | Marion Poulin | 68 8 30 Canada | F M | Fortuna Poulin | Suzan Foster |
| Dec 19 PortlandMe. | Adeline Platt | 80 4 4 Landaff | F W Homemaker | Harvey Bishop | Belle Russell |
| May 31 W Stewart'n | Chester F. Rainey | 48 10 12 Colebrook | M M Laborer | John Rainey | Elizabeth Ball |

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk